

# CLOSER THAN WE THINK

## COMBINATION BATHROOM-LOUNGE

Tomorrow's bathrooms will be divided into tub, bowl and washtub units, all built to fit small homes as well as large. One such design also has a walk-around shower. Your entry past an electric eye into a shoulder-high corridor will start sprays whose varied temperatures along the way can be precontrolled as you wish. You will finally pass through hot air driers into a lounge area of tune-up ray lamps, and there you can relax before starting out on the day's work or retiring for the night.

by Radebaugh





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by Rodabaugh

## MINING ON THE MOON

No, the moon is not made of green cheese. Much of it is mineral, so it might well be a source of replacement for many of the elements we earthlings are rapidly using up. In the opinion of British astronomer Zdenek Kopal semi-rare metals like lithium and beryllium may be found in good supply. That's why one day we'll be mining on the moon.

One way to mine would be with specially constructed giant machines that dig like a dog and walk like a spider across the dusty craters of our natural satellite. While no such machine exists today, the modern trenchdigger was unknown only a few decades ago.



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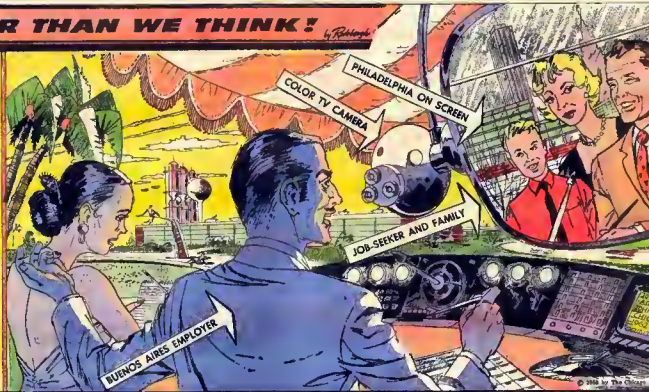
by Riddley

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Week: Wall in the Sky





# ... CLOSER THAN WE THINK! ...

by Radabaugh

## SATELLITE SPACE STATION

The far reaches of space are no longer distant. Space stations, anchored in the sky beyond the full pull of gravity, are being planned today. They'll be the next, nearby step after man-made satellites have proved themselves.



**NEWS FLASH!**

BULLETIN--LEY

NEW YORK, JAN. 10--WILLY LEY, FAMED ROCKET EXPERT, DESCRIBED IN A SCIENTIFIC PAPER HOW A MANNED SPACE STATION COULD BE SET UP BEYOND THE GRAVITY FIELD OF THE EARTH.

THREE-STAGE ROCKETS, HE SAID, WOULD BE ABLE TO LEAVE THE EARTH'S ORBIT CARRYING PARTS ABOARD FOR THE STATION. A DOZEN SUCH FLIGHTS, HE ESTIMATED, WOULD PROVIDE ENOUGH COMPONENTS TO ASSEMBLE THE STATION. THE STATION WOULD THEN BE USABLE FOR FURTHER STEPPING STONES INTO SPACE.



## YOUR HOUSE UNDER GLASS!

Snow, rain and cold will be banished from tomorrow's lawns by great, glass-like domes covering entire houses and lots. You will be able to grow flowers outdoors all year round—and gather them in your air-conditioned yard!

**Yes!**  
**IT IS**

**"CLOSER THAN WE  
THINK!"**

**NEWS FLASH!**

BULLETIN--NEW MATERIAL

CORNING, N. Y., JAN. 21--(BUSINESS SERVICE)  
A NEW FAMILY OF BASIC, GLASS-LIKE  
MATERIALS, ANNOUNCED BY CORNING GLASS WORKS, BRINGS CLOSER MANY USES  
PREVIOUSLY BELIEVED IMPOSSIBLE.

THIS NEW "PYROCERAM" HAS THE TRANSPARENCY OF GLASS--  
IT WAS ENVISIONED FOR USE, THEREFORE, AS A RIGID, WEATHERPROOF  
SHELTER THAT MIGHT BE BUILT UP LARGE ENOUGH TO COVER A  
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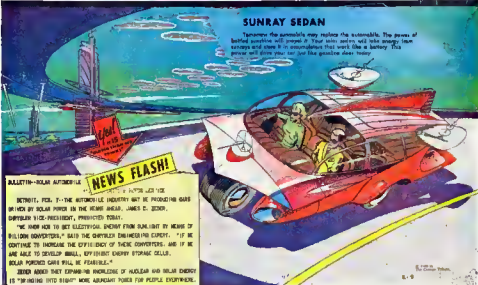


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by *Radabaugh*

## SUNRAY SEDAN

Tomorrow the automobile may replace the automobile. The power of better sunshine will propel it. Your solar sedan will take energy from sunrays and store it in accumulators that work like a battery. This power will drive your car just like gasoline does today.



### BULLETIN-SOLAR AUTOMOBILE

**NEWS FLASH!**

DETROIT, Feb. 7.—THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY MAY BE PROGRESSING HANDSOMELY BY SOLAR POWER IN THE HOME AHEAD, JAMES E. JENNER, CHRYSLER VICE-PRESIDENT, PREDICTED TODAY.

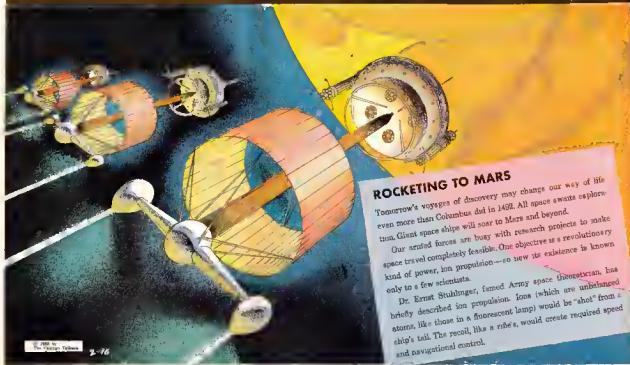
"WE KNOW HOW TO GET ELECTRICAL ENERGY FROM SUNLIGHT BY MEANS OF BILION CONVERTERS," SAID THE CHRYSLER ENGINEERING EXPERT. "IF WE CONTINUE TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF THESE CONVERTERS, AND IF WE ARE ABLE TO DEVELOP SMALL, EFFICIENT ENERGY STORAGE CELLS, SOLAR POWERED CARS WILL BE FEASIBLE."

JENNER ADDED THAT EXPANDING KNOWLEDGE OF NUCLEAR AND SOLAR ENERGY IS "BRINGING INTO BEING" MORE ABUNDANT POWER FOR PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.

*The Sunray Sedan*

# ... CLOSER THAN WE THINK! ...

by Rodabaugh



## ROCKETING TO MARS

Tomorrow's voyages of discovery may change our way of life even more than Columbus did in 1492. All space awaits exploration. Giant space ships will soar to Mars and beyond.

Our armed forces are busy with research projects to make space travel completely feasible. One objective is a revolutionary kind of power, ion propulsion—so new its existence is known only to a few scientists.

Dr. Ernst Stuhlinger, famed Army space theoretician, has briefly described ion propulsion. Ions (which are unbalanced atoms, like those in a fluorescent lamp) would be "shot" from a ship's tail. The recoil, like a rifle's, would create required speed and navigational control.

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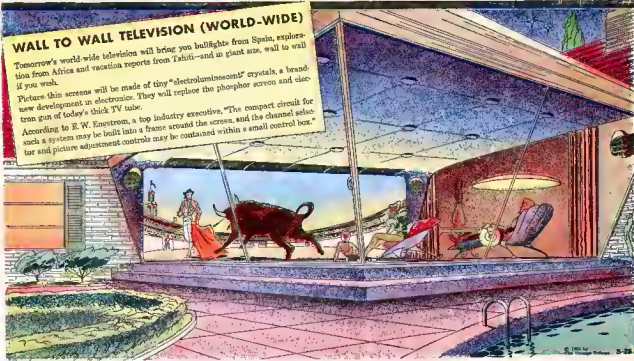
by Radebaugh

## WALL TO WALL TELEVISION (WORLD-WIDE)

Tomorrow's world-wide television will bring you bullfights from Spain, exploration from Africa and vacation reports from Tahiti--and in giant size, wall to wall if you wish.

Picture-thin screens will be made of tiny "electroluminescent" crystals, a brand-new development in electronics. They will replace the phosphor screen and electron gun of today's thick TV tube.

According to E. W. Enstrom, a top industry executive, "The compact circuit for such a system may be built into a frame around the screen, and the channel selector and picture adjustment controls may be contained within a small control box."





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by *Rodabaugh*



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## WEATHER CONTROL

In years to come, there will be satellite equipment for forecasting—as well as controlling—the weather.

The effects of air and humidity masses can be calculated more precisely from above. Sunspots, solar rays and other space disturbances will be more easily observed and studied. And sensitive sighting and analysis devices will

make long-range predictions highly accurate.

Control of weather is the next step. In the words of Dr. I. M. Levitt, Director of the Fels Planetarium at the Franklin Institute: "In time, huge solar mirrors five or more miles in diameter may be used to reflect radiation of the sun to specific areas on earth to increase evaporation and to prevent crop-killing frosts."

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by Roddaugh



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**FISH BOWL SWIMMING POOL** Today's spectators can see beneath the surface of a swimming pool only through windows or portholes below the water line. But tomorrow's vacationers will be able to do far better. Pools in transparent structures above the ground will enable observers to relax alongside

and have the fun of watching underwater aquatic frolicking at the same time.

This in-the-air pool for swimming in the future is shaped like a cocktail glass or the bottom half of a fish bowl. It is reached by a circular ramp leading to platforms and diving boards—a highly decorative addition to the grounds of tomorrow's pleasure resorts.



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by Rodolph



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**QUICK-CHANGE CAR COLORS** The automobile industry is studying a new kind of specially sensitive car body finish whose color can be changed at will. An electromagnetic gun would emit rays that would instantly "repaint" the car in any desired hue or combination—perhaps to harmonize with milady's new fall outfit.

D. S. Harder, retired executive vice-president at Ford, recently described research in this direction. He added that this new kind of "photosensitive" surface would also be self-cleaning—with the silent energy of static electricity or a supersonic vibrator driving off all dust and dirt.





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by Raleigh



**SATELLITE SUBMARINES** A whole new world under the sea remains unexplored...but tomorrow it may be examined in detail through the use of king-size atomic powered submarines acting as mother ships for clusters of one-man underwater runabouts. Perhaps these little satellite subs may even enable man to discover the supposedly mythical sunken continent of Atlantis!

"Personal" submarines are already under development; a major researcher in this field is the missile-making General Aerojet Company. They are to be watertight, searchlight-equipped, highly maneuverable. Price? Plenty—at first, but tomorrow's mass production could put them within reach of skin divers, deep-sea fishermen, treasure hunters and others.



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## ATOMIC AUTOMOBILES

Atomic scientists are already working on atomic "power pill" that might be able to drive the passenger car of the future. The atom would be shaped like a perfected battery, but would supply energy like a battery. It would be charged when necessary—like a plutonium in various power plants.

A French development company, F. Auloy and Co., believe in atomic motorcar

powering, small electric motor located at each wheel. Conventional shock, piston, transmission shaft and differential could be eliminated.

And at the Ford Motor Co., they have recently designed the "Gulfstream" with an atomic power supply, employing a radioactive atom, that would drive an electric motor. Such a motor, says Ford's George M. Weller, "might be able to travel 1,000 miles or more without recharging."

Next week: Moving the Sun

**CLOSEST MATCH FOR MATCHES**

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There are two main ways to create a new program: either you write the program from scratch, or you use an existing program and modify it. The first way is called *de novo* and the second way is called *reverse engineering*. Both ways have their pros and cons. In this article, we will focus on the first way, which is the most common way to create a new program.



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*by R. R. R. R.*

## ROBOT DRIVING

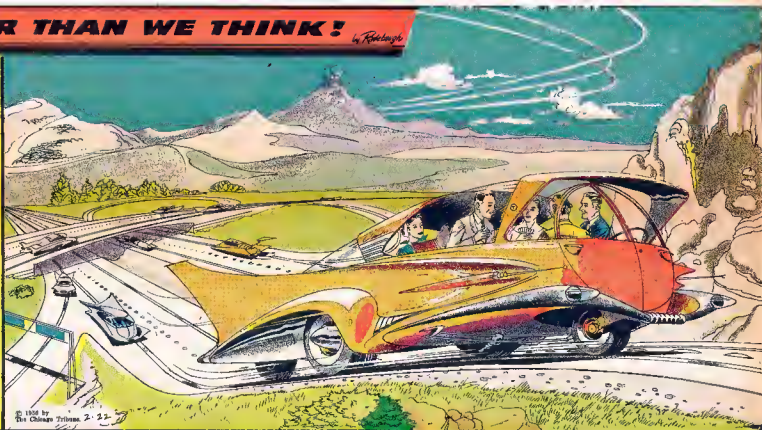
Plans have already been perfected for control devices that will make intercity driving completely automatic.

One system, devised by RCA's famous Vladimir Zworykin, has been tested on a Nebraska public highway. Buried cables and loops of wire radiate signals that guide a specially equipped car and dictate its speed. General Motors has demonstrated robot driving with this system.

Another type of design would employ a stainless steel strip in the center of a thruway traffic lane. You'd drive over it, then push a button to start a magnetic follower electronically governed by the strip. The car would thus guide itself; and sensing devices would prevent collisions fore and aft.

The day when we can play cards or take a nap while driving is closer than we think!

Next week:  
*Rejuvenated Downtowns*

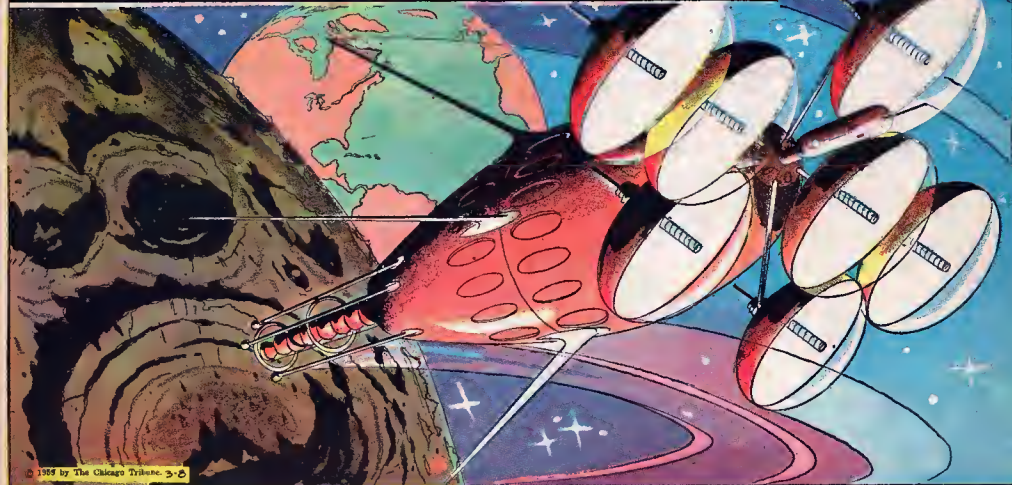


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by *Richard B. Wright*



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**ALL-SEEING EYE** Camera rockets will invade space before man does. They will carry equipment like that which now photographs the skies at distances of more than two billion light-years away, using new types of spherically

shaped film that produce sharper pictures.

Eastman Kodak's general manager, Donald McMaster, recently described how these cameras will operate. Automatic machines with focal lengths of nine feet or more will photograph inaccessible

surfaces, like the dark side of the moon shown here. Film will be developed in space, and a TV system will flash images back to earth, far sharper than could be achieved by direct television transmittal.

*Next week: Highway to Russia*



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## HIGHWAY TO RUSSIA

Sen. Magnuson of Washington has a bold new idea for linking our newest state, Alaska, with Siberia via a bridge or vehicular tunnel across the 30- to 40-mile stretch of shallow waters of the Bering Strait. It would go from Wales, on the tip of Seward Peninsula, to Little Diomed and Big Diomed Islands thence to Pevek, Siberia.

The Senator forecasts this book-worthy project, as a 21st-century generation, to create a rail and highway route between points as distant as New York and Paris. "I am convinced," he says, "that the tourists who one day will drive this route will be our best ambassadors!"

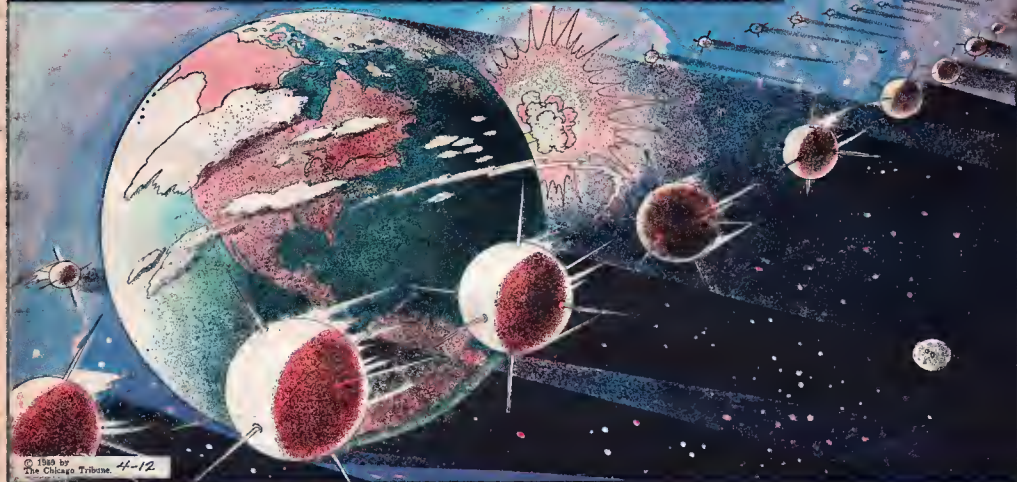
Next week: Picnic Schooldays



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by Robert Langlois



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## ORBITAL BOMBING

Washington's Advanced Research Projects Agency is working on a system of bombing from space, directed by pushbutton controls on earth.

A retrievable booster would propel

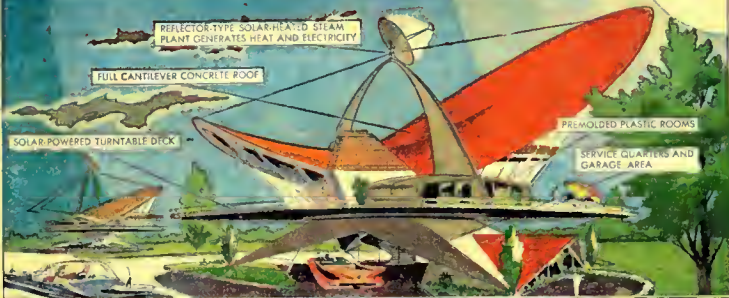
atomic bomb warheads into space, one after the other. They would circle the earth indefinitely, until a need arose. Then they could be instantly directed onto designated targets with nearly perfect accuracy.

North American Aviation's Rocketdyne

Division is working on a giant booster vehicle developing 1,500,000 lb. thrust—largest yet assigned by the Agency. Once such vehicles become retrievable, orbital bombing would be entirely feasible.

*Next week: "All-Service" Stations*



**-- CLOSER THAN WE THINK!***by Bob Leach***FOLLOW-THE-SUN HOUSE**

Don't be surprised if many of tomorrow's homes are built on turntables. They would slowly pivot all day long to receive maximum benefit from health-giving sun rays and insure heat in winter.

This warm and colorful year-round design is adapted from an aluminum firm's summer house which has been studied and admired by architects. It would be built, together with a patio, over a service and garage area.

Ground and living levels would connect through a glass-enclosed staircase. Two-way glass could bring the outside view to those on the inside, while protecting the latter from inquisitive passers-by. *Next week: Space Farmers*





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Disney's  
Walt Disney World  
Resort

SUN POWER PLANT STATION

BEFORE RECLAMATION

AFTER RECLAMATION

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## RECLAIMING THE DESERT

Ways are in sight to divide the world's usable land by reclaiming desert areas. This can mean feed and work for millions around the globe.

Over 100 million acres have been reclaimed in the world.

available for drinking and irrigation with steam-generated electricity. Sea-garment groups would be used to make the water in desert areas. And in America they already have a way to make water-laid fertility. However, thousands have been used to reclaim the million desert acres now available.

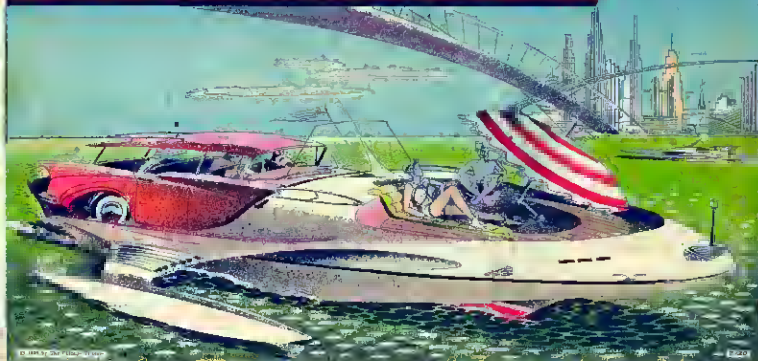
### Desert Reclamation

The world of tomorrow will see farming, grazing and industry in such suitable areas as Africa's Congo Basin, the Sahara, and the vast northern deserts.

More World Marine Society

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by R. R. R. R.



**POOR MAN'S YACHT** The luxury of yachting may be within the reach of almost everyone in the world of tomorrow.

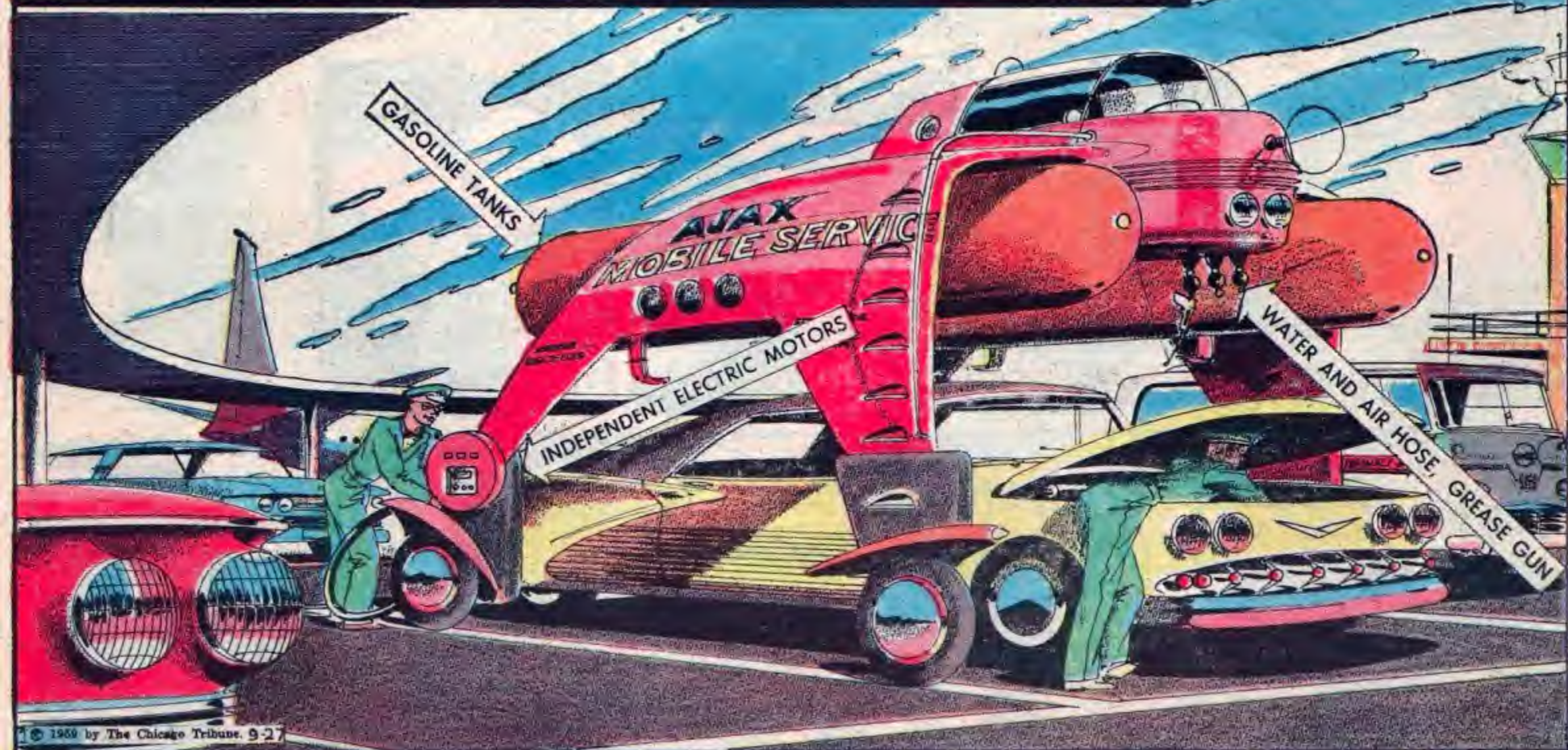
Mass production of low-cost plastic hulls will be made possible by the use of guns that spray the plastic, similar to the "Fiber-Resin Depositor" as conceived by the Rand Development Corporation.

The family car will be used for motive power. When the yachtsman of the future drives his auto into the cradle of this new marine creation the engine will be in place. The rear wheels will rest on a roller linked to the propeller. The driver will put the car in gear, step on the accelerator, and presto—he'll be yachting!



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by R. R. R. R.



## MOBILE GAS STATION

Traveling gasoline tanks, hauled by carts similar to those used on golf courses, will soon be operated in southwestern shopping centers after testing near Oklahoma City.

Looking further into the future, however,

such mobile units might function about as completely as do today's superservice stations. They would carry all grades of gasoline, blended by a pump control like those now found at some stations. They would also check oil, batteries and tires—even do minor repairs if needed.

If and when electric cars come back onto the motoring scene (which may be soon, according to many authorities) these mobile service stations would quick-charge their batteries.

*Next Week: Glider-Slider Bus-Trains*



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by *Robert Long*

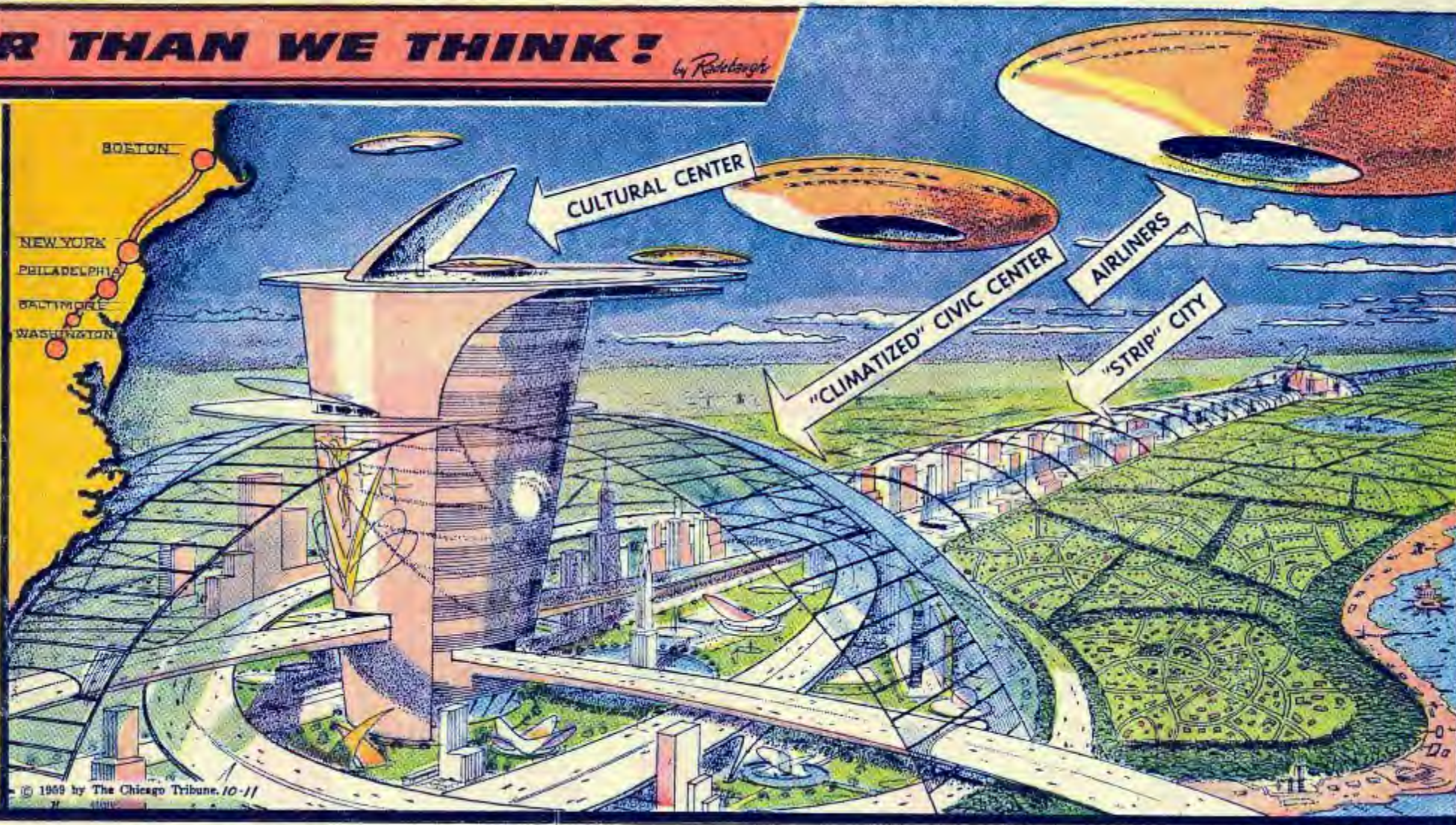
## MEGALOPOLIS

The next 20 years, according to urban planners, will see the growth in this country of the megalopolis—a solidly populated amalgamation of many cities, hundreds of miles long and wide.

The Henry Kaiser companies predict 14 such American megalopolises. A typical one would extend from Boston to Washington—450 miles long. Other strip cities, built of urban areas and suburbs bordering one another, would run from Sacramento to San Diego, Toledo to Flint, Milwaukee to Chicago and Gary, and all along the southern Florida Coast.

Today's cities would be focal points of megalopolis culture, transportation networks, shopping centers, business and finance.

*Next Week: Atomic Dirigibles*



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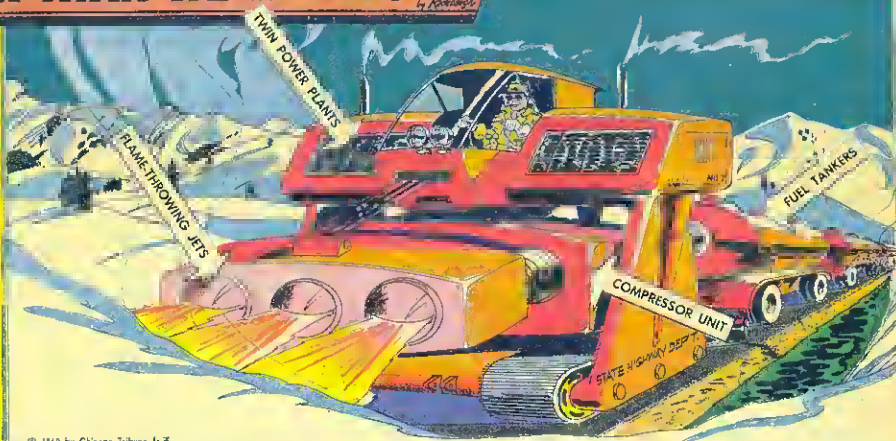
*by Robt. Long*

## THE SNO-MELTER

Snow piles and drifts on highways and turnpikes may soon be a thing of the past. Esso Research and Engineering Company has already devised a system for clearing urban roadways that is reported to be cheaper than under-pavement steam or electric coils. A trough is built alongside the road and kept half-filled with water which is heated by oil and air fed units at the bottom. Snow channeled into the trough melts instantly.

Variations of this system can be evolved for cross-country roads. Flame-belching snow-melting highway equipment is even now on the drawing boards.

*Next week:  
Circle Runways*



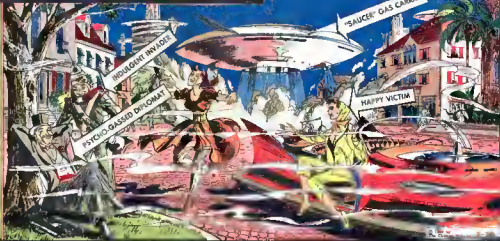
# --- CLOSER THAN WE THINK! *by Riddings*

## TRANQUILIZER WARFARE

New nerve drugs may be used to immobilize whole cities or battle areas in tomorrow's warfare. The Chemical Corps knows about a complete arsenal of "nerve gases" that can make fighting men and embattled citizens as happy and peaceable as kids playing tag.

Lt. Gen. Arthur Trudeau, chief of Army research and development, is warned about possible attacks with these drugs. He fears the United States might become a victim. "The Soviet has 15% of its munitions in chemicals," he said. "I think psycho-chemicals are the coming weapon—we are missing out if we don't capitalize on them."

*Next week—  
Rebuilding People*



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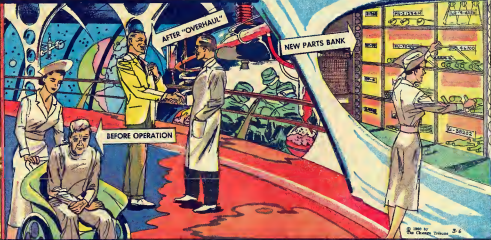
## REBUILDING PEOPLE

Doctors are looking ahead to the time when man-made substitutes will replace many sections of the human body; and in tomorrow's world, hospitals may stock many synthetic human parts just as they have blood and bone banks today.

Tiny valves now used in space mechanisms will strengthen defective hearts. Plastic meshes are being tested to reinforce weak chest and abdominal walls. Other plastics are undergoing experimentation as "trellises" along which arteries will rebuild themselves.

Hospitals of the future may well be warehouses of spare human parts as well as headquarters for "installing" them.

Next week: *Boytopia*





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by Roddough

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## THE JETSCALATOR

Jet planes and the number of passengers they carry are getting bigger and bigger. Distances between terminals and loading docks are getting longer. The answer is a traveling waiting room with a moving

ramp. Such a project is already being developed by the Chrysler Corporation, and it may be used at the new Washington, D.C., terminal now being designed by Eero Saarinen.

The "jetscalator," as it might be called, would move on wheels higher than a man.

It would have an up-or-down ramp and capacity for about 100 people. When departure time is at hand, travelers wouldn't have to stir from their chairs—they'd be transported in the "jetscalator" right to the side of the plane.

Next week: Cellar-size Scoopers

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## WRIST WATCH TV

"Personal" television is just for off thanks to printed circuits, miniature transistors and other developments.

A small set that can hook up to your telephone has already been devised by Bell Laboratories. But the Army is going that one better. According to Maj Gen. Robert J. Wood, deputy chief of research and development, TV sets the size of postage stamps will soon be worn on the wrist, each with a personal dialing number. One man might be able to converse across with another anywhere in the world. And it won't be long either before such devices are adapted to civilian use.

Next week  
Robert Halliwell



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## 24-HOUR DAYLIGHT

Artificially-made bells of fire may be able to light up tomorrow's cities. American scientists are currently considering an idea along those lines that was first described in technical papers by George St. Laurent, a Russian.

Physics researcher Donald St. Laurent recently reported that artificial "suns" of light—actually mini-suns—might be created by using huge transmitting devices so that the rays they generate would cross each other and produce electromagnetic fields. These luminous fields could be used to light up large areas underneath them. Rays would be directed as necessary to determine exactly where the artificial "sunlight" would fall.

Next week:  
**Missile Movers**



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## UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE BOXES

In the world of tomorrow you'll be able to talk in English and be understood by a Japanese who knows only his own tongue, or by an Ottoman Turk who's acquainted with his own language and no other.

A robot translating machine has already been developed by our Air Force. Right now it operates at only 40 words per minute and is bulky and complicated. But miniaturization, combined with magnetic tape, suggests far more dramatic possibilities for the future—a translating box that might listen to one vernacular and instantly relay a verbal translation. Any language would thus be usable anywhere, universally!

Next week  
Honeycomb Hospitals



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**ROCKET MAIL MEN** Uncle Sam's soldiers are kept forward in giving those spotted further, and doing so with less stress than ever before. All it will take will be a device that the military patented "rocket mail" which were originally developed to help military troops keep the postmen.

Just how much equipment will be with a military corps. The design

American Mail, Inc. is not prepared to say how large the device is, or how long it will take to get to work. The first phase is that the rocket mail intercepts is so that the mail can be sent to the postmen, or to the mail, with no interruption from 12 hours to work. After the postmen, a letter is to be at least that much more and not less good. What a time for mail men and others, what work, takes them from their to sleep?

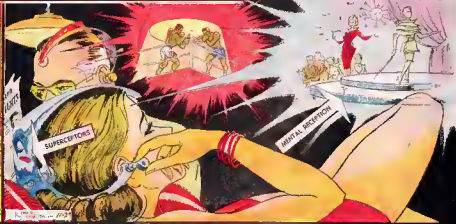
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## HEADPHONE TV

Today's television receivers may one day be replaced by devices that will "buckle" the brain, breaking right through to man's inner consciousness. At least that's what electronics trail blazer Hugo Gernsback believes.

Brain tissue conducts electricity. What would be more logical then, asks Gernsback, than the development of a "superceptor" whose impulses would create images directly in the mind, like dreams, instead of lighting up a television screen? And three UCLA scientists have suggested that with the introduction of such a receiver, everyone in the family would be able to tune in his individual program—with eyes open or closed, whichever he prefers!

Next week,  
*Year-Round Fanning!*





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## PAPER HOUSES

Great strides in research bring nearer a day when paper will take its place as a structural material for homes and other small buildings. In fact, a California

builder thinks paper will antedate other materials for residences, and he's put up one home to prove it.

The paper is sprayed with a plasticizer which seals it and makes it fire resistant and waterproof. The paper's own remarkable insulating qualities help resist heat

and cold. The day may be near when lightweight paper-base sections will be moved through plasticizing tunnels then transported by helicopter direct to building sites!

*Next week, Family Car Fleet*

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## FAMILY CAR FLEET

A different car for every need—that's what Detroit expects will be the rule in the world of tomorrow.

Many of the top automotive engineers

predict that family car fleets will consist of at least three vehicles. One of these would be a heavy, high-speed thruway cruiser. The second, a station wagon for all-round family use. The third, a small car for nearby errands and personal use. Yet this fleet needn't entail triple cost to

the owner. Savings would be realized through use of an electric generator unit, easily moved from vehicle to vehicle so that any power or speed requirement could be met.

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### **THE VISAPHONE**

It won't be long before you'll be able to see as well as hear the person you're phoning. Recent Bell Telephone Lab patents point the way—and here's how it might work.

A picture screen about the size of a

silver dollar would be mounted on the phone stand, and a small portable camera, similar to those used in today's television, would be aimed at you—or anywhere in the room. As soon as you dialed your number and got an answer, your picture would be transmitted along the

wires together with your voice, and of course you'd receive a picture from the other end, also. Either party would be able to switch off the image transmission if he desired, or either could avoid being pictured simply by leaning out of range of the camera.



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## SPACE MONKEY COLONIES

Problems of living for long periods in space—as in interplanetary flights to Venus—can only be approximated here on earth with projects like "Mercury." Plans are therefore being considered to put monkey (or mouse) colonies into extended space trips, to study the effects of such travel on physical and nervous systems.

Periodic examinations would uncover the effects of radiation, basic diets, etc. New instrumentation, says one expert, would make possible the long-range monitoring of these conditions—perhaps transmitted from outer space to the control console of a diagnostic center on earth. Findings thus uncovered would be far more helpful than anything obtainable at present.



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## TRANS-JUNGLE SKYWAYS

More and more people are coming to the park, and the excitement is growing. The roller coaster is a new attraction, and it's a great one. It's a roller coaster, and it's a great one. It's a roller coaster, and it's a great one. It's a roller coaster, and it's a great one.

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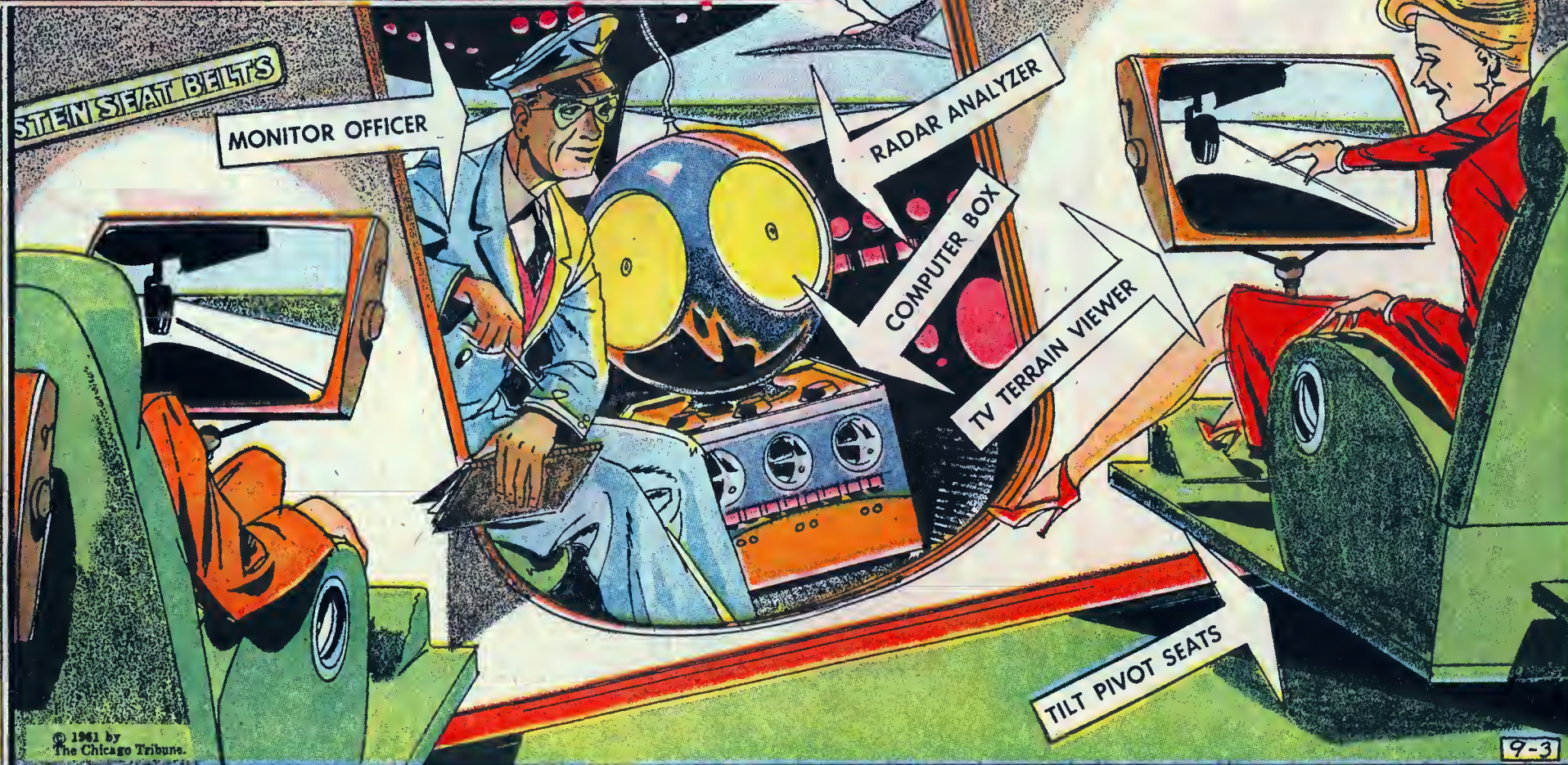


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## COMPUTER NAVIGATION

Computers of the future will do far more than solve mathematical problems or keep track of inventory. One unusual but practical application might concern the safe navigation of aircraft.

To accomplish this, radar-derived information on all aircraft within 100 miles (perhaps even more) would be fed into a computer box in the plane's cockpit. The constantly changing courses of these aircraft would be recorded and analyzed almost instantly by the computer navigator. The instrument would then direct its own plane on a safe course untraveled by the others. This would drastically reduce the danger of mid-air collisions or near-misses, no matter how clogged with traffic the airlines became.





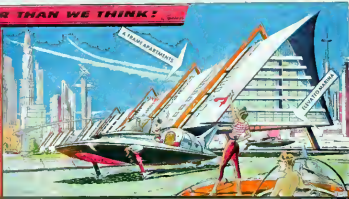


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### A-FRAME RIVER VILLA

The Korean conflict acquainted our soldiers with the A-frame—a carried structure of all-weather and balanced steel, aluminum, or plywood loads. Now the stylists are perfecting the idea for our large structures. Industrial designer Dave Chapman has proposed the A-frame beach house.

The riverlike quarters suspended above a cool bath of water could ease any Such quarters dwellers would keep their summer suits handy, anchored right beneath their living quarters. In the water, the boats could be hoisted or stowed on the first floor, above water level. Such a structure would surely raise beach winds, might stand strong, and—because of its novel shape—could perch on relatively light piles anchored in concrete pilings.



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by R. B. R. R.



## INSTANT TRAILBLAZERS

Control of the atom can mean breathtaking changes in our ways of doing things. For example, take a new method of building highways envisioned by the editor of the magazine, "Public Works."

This writer anticipates that tomorrow's roads will be created in long, continuous strips wherever desired, by using a traveling atomic reactor. The reactor would direct heat rays—measured in terms of thousands of degrees—on the route laid along the ground. The rays would fuse the earth into a rock-

hard, glass-smooth surface, usable as a highway as it cooled. Such "instant" highways would obsolete today's problems of thick congestion and irritating detours while new



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**MECHANIZED STADIUM** The stadium of tomorrow might very well be adaptable to a variety of athletic and other events, thereby solving a practical problem that has long plagued sports promoters.

The mechanized arena depicted here contains self-propelled sectional grandstands made of a new lightweight high tensile aluminum. Such seating areas would be maneuverable and could be properly positioned for the event

at hand with little difficulty. Thus the stadium would be as suitable for a baseball game as it would be for football, boxing or hockey.

And not only would such a stadium bring spectators right up to where the action took place—but as an added touch there might be an adjustable mobile glass roof to protect them from the elements.

*Next week: "Turnpike Jet Lines"*



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by Katherine



## FLAPWING FLYCAR

'Let's all fly like the Yellow Air.' That might well become a slogan, as the development, stalled, of four vehicles which began life by flying to a man.

The late William B. Stout, a General Aviation engineer, worked many years on such a project before death ended his experiments. Four, however, were designed

and one, already now perfect, the world's best of flying machines. ("Orville" is a little word meaning bird, and "planes" means wings)

The Stoutman hope for success with a flying, wing-folding, motorized vehicle, powered by a light engine, and work of their master has no doubt inspired interest in America to personal aircraft development options.





## PUSH-BUTTON EDUCATION

Donner's attitude was so open-minded, teachers will be correspondingly better. Plans for a push-button school have already been proposed by Dr. Bruce Baum, senior faculty member at California Institute of Technology. Teaching would be by means of visual material and mechanical tutoring

machines. Students would use

machines. People would receive stimulus and answer questions by pushing buttons. Special machines would be "programmed" for each individual student as he would advance as rapidly as his abilities warranted. Program teachers, also help to monitor, would be particularly relieved by skilled teachers, and teachers, help would be available when necessary.

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Blacks and other minorities have seen the most significant gains from the 1980s. A. Bradley Campbell, director of the Center for the Study of the Americas at the University of Virginia, says that the economic growth of the 1980s was "a result of rapid technological and structural changes in the economy."

It is well known that the mapping of the structure of a system's knowledge (i.e. a hierarchy) to the neural lower limit set of components has three likely strongly regular properties. First, outside inputs to children are rare (Lewicki, 1991) and inputs to the lower nodes are not from multiple fathers, and (2) the structure observed, while recursive in the neural domain,



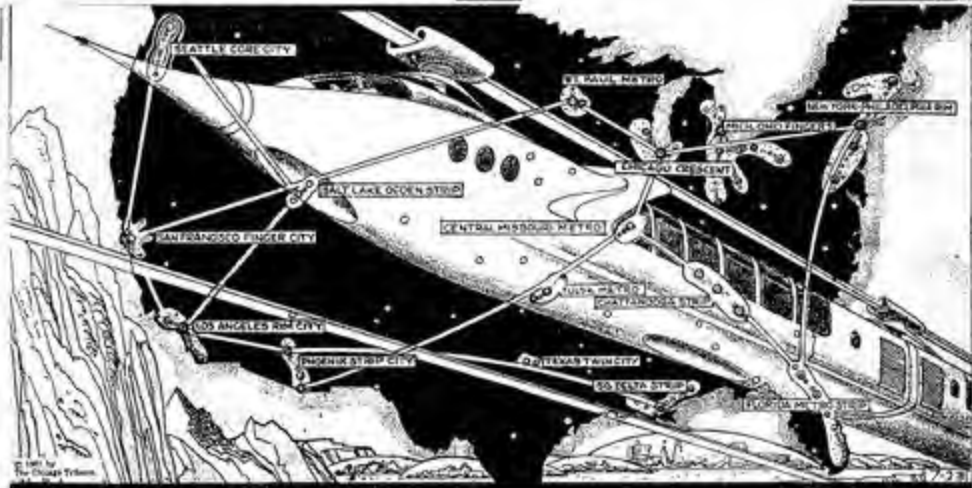
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*by* **Reinhold**

## SUPER-METROPOLIS MAP OF 1975

Tomorrow's map will be vastly different from today's. Great patches over much of it will indicate the super-metropolis cities which are already evolving out of our once-separated urban centers.

The "regional cities" of tomorrow will be nearly continuous complexes of homes, business centers, factories, shops and service places. Some will be strip or rim cities; some will be star-shaped or finger-shaped; others will be in concentric arcs or parallels; still others will be "satellite towns" around a nucleus core. They will be saved from traffic self-suffocation by high-speed transportation — perhaps monorails that provide luxurious nonstop service between the inner centers of the supercities, as well as links between the super-metropolises themselves.



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When Tracy visited his childhood home, he found people already were working with him on his return. "I was in good luck," he says. "I had a lot of help."

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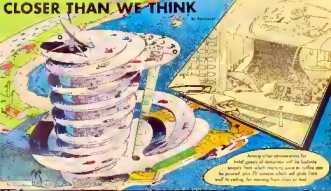
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By Randee Pratt



Among other amenities for hotel guests at Tomorrow will be bedside speakers from which morning music or coffee can be piped, plus TV screens which will guide them well to eating, for viewing from above at food

**DRIVE-UP HOTEL** Tomorrow's hotel guests will arrive by land or air but no matter how there will be ready accommodation for them. Forward-looking hotel managers envision a half-

century landing dock on the roof for flying visitors, who will enter a rooftop garden beneath a spacious atrium while a robot parks their automobiles. Auto drivers will follow ramps to parking spaces inside each room.

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*by Reddy*



## THROW-AWAY CLOTHES

Do your clothes need to be cleaned or washed? Are you tired of the old patterns or colors? In the future, if your answer to any of these questions is yes, you'll simply throw the old clothes away—

and maybe kindle a camp fire with them.

Much of tomorrow's wearing apparel may be made out of treated paper, intended for use a few times, then for discard. The Quartermaster Corps is already investigating the use of such processed paper for parachutes, disposable uni-

forms, pup tents and other shelters. It wears well, and its insulating qualities make it usable in all kinds of weather.

*Next Week: Gluepot and  
Wire Construction*